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52. (Added) A method to inhibit RNA-directed RNA polymerase activity by destroying corresponding RdRP genes, comprising the step of producing a knock-out mutant.

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REMARKS

Applicants have added claim 51 directed to a method for using the nucleic acid molecule of claim 7, the vector of claim 8 or 9, the antibody of claim 15, and/or the antagonist/inhibitor of claim 16 for inhibiting RNA-directed RNA polymerase activities.

Support for this claim may be found, *inter alia*, at page 5, lines 11-27; at page 13, lines 6-19; and at page 26, line 16-24.

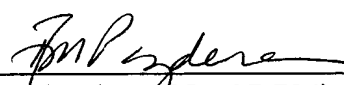
Applicants have added claim 52 directed to inhibiting RNA-directed RNA polymerase activity by destroying the corresponding RdRP genes, comprising the step of producing knock-out mutants. Support for this claim may be found, *inter alia*, at page 18, lines 22-25; at page 20, lines 1-10; and at page 23, lines 9-10.

No new matter has been introduced. Entry of the amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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